

BUMELIA DOMINICANA (SAPOTACEAE), A NEW NAME FOR AN OLD SAPOTE

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In his treatment of the Jamaican *Bumelia* (Sapotaceae), W.T. Stearn (1968) combined the genera *Bumelia* and *Dipholis* due to the lack of significant characters to consistently separate them. Under this interpretation, *Dipholis ferruginea* Ekman & O.C. Schmidt became *Bumelia ferruginea* (Ekman & O.C. Schmidt) W.T. Stearn. This is a later homonym of *B. ferruginea* Nuttall, a name applied to a segregate of *B. lanuginosa* (Michaux) Persoon which occurs in the eastern United States and northern Mexico. Since this new combination is in direct contravention to Article 64 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (Voss et al. 1983), the name is illegitimate.

BUMELIA dominicana Whetstone & Atkinson, nom. nov. *Dipholis ferruginea* Ekman & O.C. Schmidt, Feddes Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni. Veg. 32:94. 1933. *Bumelia ferruginea* (Ekman & O.C. Schmidt) W.T. Stearn, J. Arnold Arb. 49:287. 1968. *non* Nuttall (1849).

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